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Cullman County 2024 death statistics

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Each year, The Tribune reaches out to Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Cullman Police Department to go over statistics for coroner calls and other responses for the previous year.

According to Kilpatrick, in Cullman County in 2024 there were 14 suicides, 12 confirmed overdoses (several additional cases are pending toxicology), three homicides and 19 traffic fatalities.

In comparison, he reported, those same numbers in 2023 were 21 suicides, 21 overdoses and 21 traffic fatalities.

Police Chief Joey Duncan said there were six traffic fatalities in the city in 2024.

Duncan said there were 1,006 wrecks; 820 resulted in property damage only; 69 had possible injuries; 91 had non-incapacitating injuries and 20 had incapacitating injuries.

There were no homicides in the city of Cullman in 2024, according to the chief.

Duncan said » PAGE 3



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTOS

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick (left) and Cullman Police Chief Joey Duncan (right)

Cullman City Schools breaks ground on new Cullman Intermediate School



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On Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025, officials with Cullman City Schools, the City of Cullman and more broke ground on construction for the system's new Cullman Intermediate School, which will be built at the current West Elementary School location, eventually serving all Cullman students grades 3-5.

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The next chapter in Cullman City Schools is officially underway. On Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025, officials with Cullman City Schools, the City of Cullman and more broke ground on construction for the system's new Cullman Intermediate School, which will eventually combine grades 3-5 that are currently divided across East and West Elementary Schools.

"This moment is 20 years in the making," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. "There are so many people to thank, including the school board, mayor and city council, and all the parties involved in getting this project off the ground. I also want to thank West Elementary and Principal Jay Page in advance for their patience and flexibility to come over the next two years."

The new Cullman Intermediate School will be built at the current West Elementary School location, eventually serving all Cullman students grades 3-5. The intermediate school will feature a new two-story wing that will face U.S. Highway 278, which will add approximately 18 new classrooms plus administrative space.

A new multipurpose building facing U.S. Highway 278 is also » PAGE 3



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Architectural rendering of the new Cullman Intermediate School

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CRIME

Arrests and Incidents reported Jan. 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 13, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; **FTA** = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 9

- domestic violence; CR 1650
- criminal mischief; CR 1674
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- trespassing; CR 1025
- theft of property; CR 223

Jan. 11

- trespassing; Hwy. 67
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1609
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1716
- permitting dogs to run at large; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; Hwy. 69S

Jan. 12

- burglary; CR 1233
- domestic violence; CR 1315
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S

ARRESTS

Jan. 9-12

Ballenger, Christopher L.; 36
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Broughton Jr., Gerald J.; 54
- possession of methamphetamine

Criscoe, James M.; 37
- PROBATION REVOKED – public intoxication

Dessens, Kimberly L.; 31
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Graham, Asia R.; 34
- PROBATION REVOKED – promote prison contraband
- PROBATION REVOKED – drug trafficking (2 counts)

Larmon, Juliana C.; 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia

McDonald, Tyler C.; 29
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Richards, Heather L.; 50
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Tackett, Cainon R.; 21
- possession of heroin
- possession of dangerous drugs
- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Taylor, Marlon F.; 39
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Turner, Blake M.; 40
- public intoxication

Vinson, Richard E.; 38
- FTA – ignition interlock misdemeanor

Watson, Dang S.; 50
- FTA – family offense-non-support-child
- PROBATION VIOATION – buying/receiving stolen property (3 counts)

Weaver, Coty L.; 34
- PROBATION VIOLATION – DUI (alcohol)

West, Dakota L.; 34
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Whisenant, Joseph M.; 22
- FTA – family offense-non-support-child

Willingham, Tyren S.; 28
- FTA – failure to register vehicle (2 counts)
- FTA – open container-alcohol in a vehicle
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance (2 counts)
- FTA – operating vehicle with improper tires
- FTA – driving while license suspended (3 counts)

Wooldridge, Sandy E.; 30
- GJ – auto theft
- possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 7
- harassment; person; 13th St. NE

Jan. 9
- burglary-3rd degree; theft of property-4th degree; person; phone; $40; 1st St. NW
- harassment; person; Olive St. SW
- harassment; person; 3rd Ave. SE

Jan. 10
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; cash; Goehler Rd. SE

ARRESTS

Jan. 9-12

Gentry, Jessup L.; 33
- DUI

Lane, Cavanaugh D.; 33
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Allred, Terry D.; 47
- retail theft of property-3rd degree
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Taylor, Marlon F.; 39
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Criscoe, Katrina M.; 39
- theft of property-4th degree

Armstrong, Kendra R.; 31
- theft of property-4th degree

Baker, Heath A.; 37
- theft of property-4th degree

Mayes, Alex J.; 26
- theft of property-4th degree

Hook, Kodi J.; 29
- DUI - controlled substance

Wooldridge, Sandy E.; 30
- FTA - driving without license

Burroughs, Christopher J.; 51
- unlawful possession/receiving a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest

Weaver, Benjamin T.; 29
- public intoxication

Davidson, Erin M.; 36
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

Find arrest and incident reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.

Children's of Alabama expands neonatal intensive care unit

Staff Reports
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Children's of Alabama recently announced the expansion of its neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). The NICU is a Level IV unit now with an additional six beds totaling 54 private rooms for neonates and infants. The unit houses four ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) rooms, and it is the only unit in the state that provides dialysis for premature infants.

In recent years, Children's has experienced record-breaking patient volumes and an increased need for inpatient space to treat infants. The complexity of care provided requires the largest team at the hospital: 250 staff members caring for preterm and term neonates with a wide range of conditions. More than 400 babies each year rely on the care of the Children's of Alabama NICU.

"We care for patients from birth to two years of age ranging from critical to our complex chronic population. This addition will allow our team to continue to provide family-centered care in private rooms for our smallest patients," said Jill Jones Smith, director of the NICU. "Our NICU regularly has a waitlist of surgical neonates from referring hospitals that require our services. These extra bassinets will help alleviate wait times and help us get to those patients and families even faster."

The expanded NICU area will house state-of-the-art facilities like an additional dedicated nurse station, medication and milk storage room, and equipment room. The project also includes specialty equipment, technology, and furniture, making families' time at Children's more comfortable.

The Children's of Alabama Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) continues to serve as a lifeline for Alabama's youngest patients.



CHILDREN'S OF ALABAMA

Court (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Two men recently graduated from Cullman County Drug Court. District Judge Chad Floyd announced Tuesday, Jan. 7, that Richard Clanton and Troy Johnson both completed and graduated the program.

"I'm so proud that these two gentlemen got to be our first two graduates of the new year," Floyd said.

"During their time in the Drug Court program, both of these guys added incredible value to our group. Richard and Troy will both be missed from the program, but I know they'll each continue to be successful."

According to the Court, "Cullman County Drug Court with Judge Chad Floyd is about second chances. It's about allowing individuals charged with drug-related offenses the opportunity to work toward and maintain sobriety, while investing in our community, Cullman, Alabama."

Floyd said the program is designed to be 12 months in duration.

"While individuals are in this program, they are required to submit to random drug screens, participate in intensive outpatient treatment, attend self-help meetings (e.g., NA, AA) and complete 52 hours of community service," he explained.

For more information about the Cullman County Drug Court program or what it entails, visit www.facebook.com/cullmancountydrugcourt, email chad.floyd@alacourt.gov or call 256-775-4766.



FACEBOOK/CULLMAN COUNTY DRUG COURT

Judge Chad Floyd with Richard Clanton



FACEBOOK/CULLMAN COUNTY DRUG COURT

Judge Chad Floyd with Troy Johnson

Cullman Regional (from Front)

Staff Reports
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HARTSELLE, Ala. — Cullman Regional opened its freestanding emergency department in Hartselle on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025. The new service is the latest addition to the hospital's Hartselle campus and will provide 24/7 emergency care for residents of Morgan County and surrounding communities.

With the same capabilities as hospital-based ERs, the new facility has 10 treatment rooms including a dedicated trauma room, ambulance bay, helipad and a full imaging center with CT, x-ray and ultrasound.

Board-certified emergency medicine physicians will lead the care team, which also includes experienced ER nurses, lab and imaging technicians as well as a paramedic crew in case transport for inpatient care is needed.

The Hartselle ER is also equipped with advanced lab and imaging equipment that enables doctors to quickly diagnose heart attacks and strokes to provide immediate medical intervention.

"Cullman Regional puts priority on providing high quality care which has led to our Cullman ER consistently beating state and national benchmarks for heart attack and stroke care," said Dr. Bill Smith, Cullman Regional chief medical officer.

"We're bringing that same level of care to Hartselle."

After requesting state approval in 2023, Cullman Regional was granted permission to open Hartselle Health Park ER.

Once construction and staffing were completed, final inspections by the Alabama Department of Public Health were conducted and a state license to operate was issued.

"It's a long process to bring services like this to Hartselle," said James Clements, Cullman Regional CEO.

"It requires tremendous teamwork and a strong financial commitment.

"We're incredibly proud to be able to provide the community with the same high quality ER care we offer in Cullman."

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Statistics (from Front)

the leading causes of crashes were following too closely, improper lane change, failure to yield right of way from stop sign, misjudged stopping distance and failure to yield right of way from traffic.

In 2024, the CPD responded to 31,739 calls, compared to 32,176 in 2023.

School (from Front)

planned, which will feature bleachers on one side, a full basketball court, coaches office space, storage and a stage.

The facility will also be able to double as a storm shelter.

As part of the project, the existing classrooms at West Elementary will be upgraded, along with the restrooms and overall infrastructure.

The existing gym will be converted into a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) lab for students to have space for robotics, maker space, 3D printing, drones and collaboration.

The library and current cafeteria will also be expanded, with the stage in the cafeteria removed to expand dining space.

The Smith Center (the old library) will be converted into additional classroom space.

Along the way, the campus footprint will be altered to enclose the concourse from the front to the back of the campus to increase security, along with parking to accommodate at least 100 employees and additional spaces for visitors and ADA requirements.

Once complete, the expanded intermediate campus will feature up to 14 classrooms per grade level, self-contained special education classrooms, resource special education classrooms, an English language learners and speech room, a music room, art room, gifted room and lab space.

The intermediate school campus is tentatively slated to open in the 2027-2028 school year.

"I'm thankful for the work the city council has done in recent years to grow the economy and make a project like this more viable," Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs added. "We are very excited."



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Tuesday, Jan 14 - 6 p.m. Adult potluck dinner and game night
• Wednesday, Jan. 15 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, Jan. 17 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, Jan. 18 - 11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, Jan. 19 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

The Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

At the Foot of the Cross Church Revival
Through Jan. 15. Sunday at 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. 2.25 miles north of Alabama Highway 157, on Eva Road. Evangelist Ryan Wilburn.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501-B Fourth St. SW in Cullman.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Jan. 19, at 5 p.m. with Sonlife Quartet from Chattanooga. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501.

Southern Miss Wonderland Pageant
Sunday, Jan. 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at Vinemont Elementary School. Benefits the Vinemont High School color guard; 25% of registration fees will go to the team. Register at https://tinyurl.com/vinemont.

Polar Bear Plunge
Saturday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. at WildWater and the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. Two names will be drawn from the participants who take the plunge! One winner will receive a one-year family membership CWAC and one winner will receive a four-pack of 2025 season passes to WildWater! You MUST be present to win! The event is FREE to enter, and we are accepting optional donations for our partner, Special Olympics! Register at www.waiverfile.com/b/CullmanCityParksRecreation/Waiver.aspx.

Youth Rally
Sunday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. At the Foot of the Cross Church, 2.25 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road. Tyler Williams and Ryan Wilburn preaching. Please join us for a great time in the Lord.

CORRECTION

In the article "Susan Eller discusses new developments, challenges in Cullman business scene," which was published in the Jan. 11, 2025, print issue of The Cullman Tribune, we reported that CVS was closing. On Jan. 13, 2025, we received the following correction: "I incorrectly provided information to The Cullman Tribune that CVS recently closed or is closing Cullman facilities. CVS officials said there is no plan to cease operations at Cullman CVS on Cherokee Avenue or Second Avenue Northwest." -Dale Greer, director, Cullman Economic Development Agency

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Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things to host Mother/Daughter Valentine's Day Craft Party on Jan. 21

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things is hosting its Mother/Daughter Valentine's Day Craft Party on Tuesday, January 21, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things. This special event promises an evening of crafts, delicious snacks, in-store discounts, and Valentine-themed giveaways.

Attendees will be able to craft a charming heart block home décor project, guided step-by-step by Emily Bussman from Sips N Strokes Cullman. The craft suits all ages, making it perfect for mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and friends.

"My daughters and I have always enjoyed doing crafts and paint projects together, so I thought it would be nice to have a night where ladies, young and old, could gather together to do something creative and fun for Valentine's Day," shared Lindsey Blackwood, owner of Gypsy Soul.

In addition to the crafting activity, guests will enjoy a selection of snacks, including goods from Bailey's Breads, a charcuterie board, chocolates, sweet tea, lemonade, and water. Guests will also receive a 20% storewide discount on all Gypsy Soul items and have the opportunity to purchase custom hats created by Savannah with Collier Custom Hats.

The evening will feature a Valentine-themed giveaway with prizes from local businesses, and each attendee will leave with a complimentary gift along with their handmade craft.

The cost to attend is $20 per person, which includes all craft supplies and the evening's activities. Registration is required.

Participants can register by emailing info@gypsysoulantique.com with the code "VDAY" and the names of attendees or by sending a message through the Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things Facebook page.

Once registered, participants will receive instructions for purchasing their event tickets.

"'The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return.' This movie line is one of my favorites, but it encompasses what this evening is about," Blackwood shared. "We want women to know how much they are valued and loved by God, and we want the next generation of young women to know this truth as well. Our goal is to have a space for creativity, fun, and great memories that remind us how powerful love truly is in our lives."

For more information about the event, email info@gypsysoulantique.com or visit the Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things Facebook page. Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things is located at 218 First Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville earns 57-55 area win at Vinemont; Lady Eagles pull away to win 74-36

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Bulldogs traveled to Vinemont to take on the Eagles in a pair of big area games Thursday night and they split their varsity matchups. In the girls' game, a huge second half from the Lady Eagles helped them pull away from the Lady Bulldogs 74-36. In the boys' game, Hanceville took a double-digit lead into the fourth quarter and held off a late rally from Vinemont to win it 57-55.

Vinemont 74 - Hanceville 36 (Varsity Girls)

Morgan Flanagan and Addison Holcomb each put in a layup to give Vinemont an early 4-1 lead. Reagan Robinson drove to the basket and laid it up and in, then she later added a pair of free throws to make it an 8-3 game more than midway through the opening period. Caroline Miller drained a three from the right wing to push their lead to 11-3, but Alex Twitty scored on a pair of baskets in the paint to cut it to 11-7 late in the first quarter. Alex Twitty's three from the right corner made it a 13-10 game going into the second.

Mattie Keith buried a long-range shot to tie it up at 13 early in the second quarter, and Aaliyah Twitty split her free throws to give the Lady Bulldogs a 14-13 lead. After a basket in the paint by Alex Twitty tied the game up at 16, a rebound and putback by Robinson and a basket by Vayda Yarbrough gave the Lady Eagles a 20-16 lead. Later in the second, Miller drilled a three from the left corner, then Flanagan added a basket down low to widen their lead to 26-18. A pair of baskets by Aaliyah Twitty and one by Alex Twitty cut it to 27-24, but Robinson put in a driving layup to make it a 30-24 game at the half.

It didn't take long for Vinemont to take over the game. Flanagan put in a three from the left corner, then a driving layup by Robinson gave the Lady Eagles a 35-26 lead. Flanagan scored through a foul and ended up hitting the free throw to stretch their lead to 38-26. A rebound and putback by Alex Twitty made it a 38-28 game, but Carley Stephens scored three straight baskets down low, as their lead quickly swelled to 16 at 44-28. Later in the third, Vayda Yarbrough drained a three, and Robinson scored through a foul and ended up hitting the free throw, then Miller drilled a long-range shot of her own to give Vinemont a commanding 60-31 lead going into the final period.

Brooklyn Yarbrough scored on a pair of baskets down low, Robinson added one of her own in the paint, Miller added another three, and another basket in the paint by Brooklyn Yarbrough helped put the finishing touches on a 74-36 region win for the Lady Eagles.

Robinson led the way for Vinemont (14-4, 5-1) with 19 points. Miller added 14 points. Flanagan wasn't too far behind with 12 points, and Stephens collected eight points. For Hanceville (7-11, 1-5), Alex Twitty finished with 18 points, and Aaliyah Twitty posted 11 points.

Hanceville 57 - Vinemont 55 (Varsity Boys)

Gee Flores put in a pair of baskets down low to give Vinemont an early 4-2 lead. Peyton Twilley drained a three from the top of the key and later added a floater to give Hanceville a 7-5 lead. Sam Abney buried a long-range shot from the right wing to push their lead to 10-5, but Flores added another basket in the paint to cut it to 10-7.

A pair of Drake Bentley, a hard-fought rebound and putback by Kingsley Brown, and a basket down low by Twilley stretched the Bulldog lead to 16-7 late in the first. Colton Gillis banked in a floater, then Cheston Wilhite put in a long-range shot to cut it to 16-12. A steal and a floater by Abney made it a 20-12 game, but Gavin Parr picked the perfect time to make his first basket of the game, as his half-court shot to beat the buzzer trimmed it to a five-point game at 20-15 going into the second.

Bentley put in a pair of quick baskets, and Twilley scored off a Vinemont turnover to push their lead to double digits at 26-15. Bentley added two more baskets in the paint late in the second quarter to make it a 30-18 game. Bryson Bush's rebound and putback made it a 30-20 game, and he later added a free throw to cut it to 30-21 going into the locker room.

Flores buried a three from the left wing to make it a 30-24 game early in the third. Bentley added another basket down low and later knocked down a short jumper to give Hanceville a 34-26 lead. Bush knocked down a three to cut it to 36-29, but Brodie Brenner collected a steal and laid it in to increase their lead to 39-29. A late basket by Bush made it a 42-34 game, but Bentley continued to dominate in the paint, as he added two more baskets down low to stretch the Bulldog lead to 46-34. Hanceville would take a 48-36 lead into the fourth quarter.

That's when the Eagles made a huge run to get back in the game. Bush put in a basket down low, then Tucker Mauter buried a three, and Wilhite added a basket in the paint to trim their deficit to five at 50-45. A layup by Bentley made it a 53-45 game, but a rebound and putback by Wilhite cut it to 53-47. Will Conquest and Gillis each got fouled after making their respective baskets, and they both ended up hitting their free throws, as it was a 55-53 game with 44 seconds left to go in the game. Mauter collected a steal and put in a basket in the paint to tie the game up at 55. Bentley and Dalton Pirkle each split from the line to give the Bulldogs a 57-55 lead. Vinemont's last chance to win the game fell just short and Hanceville hung on to defeat the Eagles 57-55.

Bentley led the way for Hanceville (7-12, 3-3) with 24 points. Twilley added 15 points, and Abney posted 10 points. For Vinemont (5-12, 0-6), Bush finished with 18 points. Flores ended up with nine points. Mauter collected eight points, and Wilhite added seven points.

Hanceville will travel to Locust Fork, and Vinemont will head to Holly Pond tonight.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Drake Bentley led Hanceville with 24 points in its 57-55 area win over Vinemont Thursday night.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Vinemont's Reagan Robinson led the Lady Eagles with 19 points in their 74-36 win over Hanceville Thursday night.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Fee hired to lead Wallace State Men's Soccer

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College has hired James Fee to lead the men's soccer team, announced Dr. Vicki Karolewics, President. Fee begins his tenure this week.

"We are proud to welcome Coach Fee to Wallace State as we reintroduce soccer to the Lions athletic lineup," Karolewics said.

Fee comes to Wallace State after most recently serving as the graduate assistant coach for the men's soccer team at the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH). He was also the head coach of the AYSO United in Madison. He previously served as an assistant coach for Lincoln County High School and as an athlete performance coach at Godspeed Elite Sports Academy.

A native of Fayetteville, Tenn., Fee played for UAH from 2017 to 2021, appearing in a total of 58 matches and making 50 starts.

"Wallace State is an excellent fit for me professionally because it offers the opportunity to contribute to a college that values both athletic and academic excellence," Fee said. "My goal is to align our team values with the college's values of creating well-rounded students and prepare them for life after school. Additionally, I will strive to push student-athletes past Wallace State into competitive four-year institutions to continue their athletic career."

Fee holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from UAH and is currently working on a master's degree in business administration.

The college is actively recruiting players to fill a roster of 25 to 30 players. Anyone seeking information may contact Athletics Coordinator Daniel Howard at 256.352.8358 or daniel.howard@wallacestate.edu.

Wallace State received a grant last year from the National Junior College Athletic Association to support the development of its soccer program.

The college discontinued men's soccer in 2013 due to a lack of competition within the state. At that time, Wallace State was the only college in the Alabama Community College Conference fielding a team. For the 2025 season, the ACCC will include men's teams from Calhoun Community College, Enterprise State Community College, Northeast Alabama Community College, Southern Union State Community College and Wallace State Community College.

Visit athletics.wallacestate.edu for more information about Wallace State Community College Athletics, including schedules and rosters.


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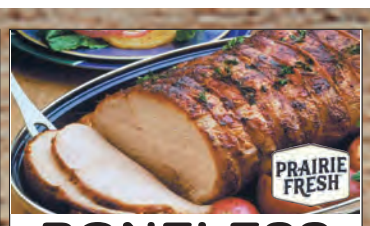


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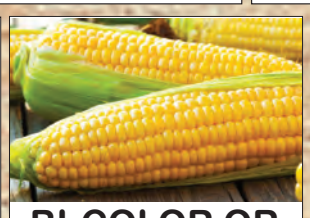
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Doug Teal returns to driver's seat: Earning CDL with hand controls

Special to The Cullman Tribune



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Doug Teal



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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Doug Teal is reclaiming his career and earning his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) again — this time using hand controls.

Teal previously worked as a commercial driver, a job he loved, before a life-altering T6 spinal cord injury two and a half years ago that resulted in wheelchair use.

Originally from Virginia, where he first earned his CDL, Teal has since moved to Colorado. Determined to return to the profession he is passionate about, Teal made the 24-hour drive from the Thornton, Colorado, area, to Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, to enroll in a rare CDL program for wheelchair users.

Reminiscing about his time on the road, he recalled his weekly cross-country drives from North Carolina to California.

"I dreamed about driving since I was a kid," Teal said. Teal had been driving for a little over a year before his injury.

After his injury, Teal faced a challenging search for a CDL training program that could accommodate his needs.

That's when he found a previous article on Wallace State's CDL program, one of the few in the nation offering training for individuals using wheelchairs. He said the article inspired him to get back to his passion.

For Teal, this is about reclaiming independence and inspiring others like him.

"I hope my story inspires others to try to do the same and not give up," he said.

Wallace State's CDL program stands out for its commitment to accessibility. The program provides specialized equipment, such as trucks equipped with hand controls surrounding the steering wheel and connected to the gas and brake pedals. Teal also uses a lift to transition from his wheelchair to the truck's driver's seat.

Wallace State Community College has graduated three other wheelchair users from its CDL program, all three of whom are currently employed as Commercial Truck Drivers.

Wallace State offers CDL classes on its main campus in Hanceville, as well as in Onconta and Winston County. The next classes for wheelchair users will be in June.

For more information about Wallace State's CDL program, email anna.parrish@wallacestate.edu or contact the Center for Career and Workforce Development at 256-352-7452.

FAITH

'It means the world to me to help others find God': Cold Springs' Savannah Bischoff discusses her relationship with God

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SAVANNAH BISCHOFF

Cold Springs' Savannah Bischoff

BREMEN, Ala. — Cold Springs senior Savannah Bischoff has already had some success and reached several of her own goals and she gives all the credit to her faith. In this interview, Savannah talked about her relationship with God and the role he has played in her life.

"God has played a huge role in my life every day. He has always been there for me through everything I do, whether it's color guard, rodeo, or even just my everyday routine. I always pray with my team before my color guard performances and before my rodeo runs, and give the glory to Him after, because I do it all for Him. He has given me these talents so that I can shine His light through the things that I do," Bischoff said. "My favorite Bible verses are Luke 12:27-28: 'Consider how the wildflowers grow. If that's how God clothes the grass, which is in the field today and is thrown into the furnace tomorrow, how much will He do for you?", and Isaiah 40:31: 'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.' Luke 12:27-28 reminds me not to worry about anything and that I am worth so much to God. He will do great things for me as long as I have faith. Isaiah 40:31 reminds me that as long as I have faith in the Lord, I am able to do anything through Him. These verses give me encouragement and remind me to have faith and not worry about anything."

Helping other people, especially kids, find God, is one of her top priorities, along with being a Godly role model for a lot of people.

"It means the world to me to help others find God. I love telling others about Him, all the things that He has done for me, and how much He can do for them as well. At school, I participate in FCA and First Priority. I think that these are great ways to spread God's word and tell others how much they are loved. I hope that my friends, people in my school, and everyone else I meet know that they could always come and talk to me. I want everyone to know God, because I know He loves them so much, and He can do great things in their lives, just like He has for me," She said. "I think everyone should have a Godly role model in their life. I try to be that person to everyone, because I feel that's what God has called me to be. You can really see a difference in people when they have God. They light up, and I love seeing others shine His light and grow in their faith. You never know how much people are going through, and I think it is so important to always be kind and encouraging to everyone. I love the phrase, 'Love like Jesus.' I try to love like Him every day and shine His light through me for others to see Him."

Savannah loves praying to help herself and other people get even closer to God. She participates in a couple clubs and teams at Cold Springs and she says her faith has helped her in all those activities as well.

"I have been the Chaplin for the band at Cold Springs for two years now and have always prayed with my color guard team before performances for as long as I have been on the team. I love praying over everyone and inviting everyone to pray if they feel led to as well. I think that this has been one of my favorite parts of being in color guard: seeing others grow in their faith and pray over the team and the band as well. I also lead FCA and First Priority sometimes at school, and this is always a good way to spread the word of God, and help others get to know Him. I always let the people that I speak to know that they can talk to me if they need anything or that they can pray with me anytime."

The girls on the color guard team, along with her coach, really helped out Savannah when she first got started in the band, and that has helped her in her faith with each passing day.

"I grew up always going to church and have known God for a long time, but I think that my faith has really gotten a lot stronger in the past few years. The girls that were on color guard when I first started, as well as my coach, have all really brought me out of my shell. I also think that being an officer in FCCLA at school has helped me to be more outgoing as well by getting used to public speaking and meeting new people at state and nationals. I have gained so many new friendships over the past few years, and I have a great circle of friends that are all so encouraging and love God just like me. I love going to church with my friends and helping them get closer to God, and they do the same for me."

Savannah has had so many great Godly role models in her life that have helped her become the person that she is today. She also gave advice to those people who want a relationship with God but might be new to that kind of experience.

"My mom and dad, Jennifer and Joey Bischoff, have always encouraged me to grow in my faith. They have taken me to church and supported me through everything in my life. My color guard coach, Treasure Tubbs, has been a big role model in faith for me as well. She always prayed with us and has also shared scriptures with us. She made me feel like I could talk to her about God anytime. My friends at school are also wonderful Godly people that I love to surround myself with all the time. I go to Lonesome Dove Cowboy Church, as well as Daystar Church, but the pastor, Tim Collier, and former youth pastors, Ava and DJ King at Lonesome Dove, have been really big role models in my life. They have helped me to become the girl I am today, through going to youth church camp and always being there for me. Mrs. Stephanie Blair is my FCCLA advisor and teacher. She always encourages me to be my best and reach my goals. She has always been there to pray with me and the other FCCLA members. She is a big role model in my life as well," Bischoff said. "I would tell them to find their crowd. Finding a good, like-minded circle of friends is so important to having a relationship with God. I would tell them to find a church they love or more than one church and to never be afraid to talk to people who want to help them, including God. Praying and reading the Bible always helps me when I feel discouraged. I would say to never lose faith, because God has always got their back, and He loves them so much. It may not be easy, and it takes effort to have a relationship with God, but it is so wonderful to know Him, and it will all be worth it for all the things He can do in their lives and when they get to heaven."

Putting Him first has definitely changed Savannah's life for the better, and she has learned a lot of things about herself during her journey so far.

"Putting Him first has changed my life, because I wouldn't be able to do anything without Him. He allows me to do everything I do, and He wants the best for me. I try to shine His light through everything I do every day and having Him with me gives me encouragement and strength to get through anything," she said. "I have learned to always put God first in everything you do. Always do everything for Him and glorify Him in all you do. I have also learned that God can do so much in your life, and He will, if you have faith, and put in the work to have that relationship with Him, because He wants that relationship with you. It won't always be easy, but it will always be worth it to have Him in your life."





Brunch (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The United Way of Cullman County (UWCC) will host a Business Alliance Brunch on Thursday, Jan. 16, from noon-1 p.m. at East Side Baptist Church.

UWCC Resource Development & Outreach Manager Taylor Johnson said this is a special event to show appreciation for the continued support of its members and to foster new partnerships with the local business community.

"This brunch will provide an excellent opportunity for business leaders to network, connect with fellow professionals and enjoy a delicious meal sponsored by local businesses," she said. "Guests can look forward to a local menu, including coffee from Berkely Bob's, cinnamon rolls courtesy of Widlöcher's bakery, fruit trays from Publix, the United Way Brunch Punch made in-house by the United Way team and more."

The special guest speaker at the event will be Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson.

"He will speak about the importance of Cullman's small business community and its role in driving local growth and development," Johnson said. "Those in attendance will also have a chance to join and learn the benefits of the United Way Business Alliance."

Johnson said the Business Alliance is a program designed to help local businesses grow while making a lasting impact in the community.

"Membership options are available at three levels, each offering exclusive benefits," she explained. "The membership fees support the United Way of Cullman County and help fund local nonprofit agencies and programs, providing a meaningful way for businesses to give back to the community."

Business Alliance membership tiers and perks:

- Tier I ($500): Two networking events, two social media pushes, a website listing, a TikTok interview and a magazine spotlight
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- Tier III ($120): Two networking events, two social media pushes and a website listing

"Together, we can create meaningful connections and ensure a brighter future for Cullman County," Johnson said.

For more information, call 256- 739-2948. RSVP for the Jan. 16 brunch by emailing tjohnson@uwaycc.org with your name and business name. East Side Baptist Church is located at 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman.

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5 local students named to Troy University Provost's List

Matt Clower
Troy University

TROY, Ala. — TROY is pleased to announce students who have been named to the Provost's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Local students who made Provost's List include:

- Sadie Land of Cullman
- Jodie Roden of Hanceville
- Madelyne Grimmett of Cullman
- Kathryn Cleckler of Cullman
- Brinlee Holcomb of Cullman

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List.

The Fall Semester includes students at the Troy, Alabama campus. Term 2 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Greer, Stephenson named to Troy University Chancellor's List

Matt Clower
Troy University

TROY, Ala. — Troy University is pleased to announce students who have been named to the Chancellor's List for the fall semester and Term 2 of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Local students who made Chancellor's List include:

- Chandler Greer of Cullman, AL
- Brooks Stephenson of Bremen, AL

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List.

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About Troy University

Troy University is a public, historic, international university with 22,500 students and 154,000 alumni.

Students choose TROY for its quality academic programs, reasonable costs and availability of financial aid, outstanding faculty, and flexible in-class and online class offerings. Students on the Troy, Ala. campus enjoy a traditional college experience, while adult students are the centers of attention at campuses in Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City, Ala., as well as at locations around the world and online.

Local students named to Samford University's fall semester Dean's List

Zac Fuller
Samford University

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Samford University recognizes 2,230 students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework. The Dean's List is the highest academic recognition given by the school at the end of each semester.

The following local students earned Dean's List honors:

- Anna Sularin, Arab, AL, TFY-Perform/Teach Artistry, Arab High School
- Hensley Elrod, Arab, AL, Biology, Arab High School
- Marcella Ingram, Arab, AL, Public Health, Arab High School
- Kate Maze, Arab, AL, Psychology, Arab High School
- Josselyn Kalber, Blountsville, AL, Human Dev and Family Science, Arab High School
- Emma Dodd, Bremen, AL, Early Childhood/Elem/Special Ed/Colla, Cullman High School
- Lauren Smith, Crane Hill, AL, English, Cullman High School
- Margaret Lunsford, Cullman, AL, Nursing, Cullman High School
- Ava Fales, Cullman, AL, Theatre, Cullman High School
- Emma Murphree, Cullman, AL, Psychology, Cullman High School
- Kaedince Cagle, Cullman, AL, Undeclared, West Point School
- Olivia Williams, Cullman, AL, Human Dev and Family Science, Good Hope High School
- Gracie Lee, Hanceville, AL, Pre-Business, Cullman Christian School
- Lillie Morrow, Vinemont, AL, Neuroscience
- Dayton Roberts, Addison, AL, Law and History, Addison High School

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, 3 Feb 3 2025 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.
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Writ of Execution Parties: Redstone Federal Credit Union vs. Roger J. Duke, 145 Neptune Drive, Arab, Alabama 35016

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Angie Johnson, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Roger J. Duke, to the property, described as follows:

Lot 3, Saddlebrook Estates First Addition, together with a 1/100 interest in one acre of lake property which is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point which is located S57°50'E 1438.77 feet from the center of the NW1/4 of Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 1 East, Cullman County, Alabama; thence from the point of beginning N54°16'E 210.0 feet to a point; thence S20°44'E 210.0 feet to a pont; thence N54°16'W 210.0 feet to a point; thence N20°44'W 210.0 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1 acre, more or less.

Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided in Plaintiff's Writ of Execution issued on or about 20 November 2024 in case DV-2011-68 in the District Court of Marshall County, Alabama.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Roger J. Duke in and to the above-described real property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 7 day of January, 2025

BY: Matt Gentry, sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

2014 TOYOTA TUNDRA VIN#5TFUW5F12EX414960

This vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on February 28, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

Town of Fairview Public Hearing

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88- 578), requires that citizens be given the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, a public meeting is being held on Monday January 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential grant opportunities for recreational improvements in Fairview. All citizens are invited to voice their opinion at this meeting or submit written comments to: Fairview Town Hall, Attn: Mayor Keith Henry, 7525 AL Hwy 69 N, Cullman, AL 35058 no later than two weeks following the meeting.

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2024-037

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF CHARLOTTE SVENSON SWINDALL AND DANIEL SWINDOLL TO ADOPT C.M.C. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: **CASEY BURTON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER and RUSSELL ALFRED AUSTIN CHAMBERS, BIOLOGICAL FATHER, WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED.**

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* of C.M.C. a minor child (born on May 26, 2023, to Casey Burton) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Charlotte Svenson Swindoll and Daniel Swindoll, Petitioners. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 20th DAY OF December, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioners
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
CHARLES F. HENSLEY, * **CASE NO: PC2022-243**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT and PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: GINA E. HENSLEY HALL, JULIE D. HENSLEY, ANGELIA HENSLEY, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF CHARLES F. HENSLEY, DECEASED.

Petition of Personal Representative for Final Settlement and Petition of Personal Representative for Final Discharge received and made court record the 1st day of October, 2024, by Charles S. Hensley and Jason F. Hensley, Co-Personal Representatives, by and through Attorney Pamela E. Nail. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled the **27th day of February, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 3rd day of January 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Pamela E. Nail
200 Second Avenue, southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, CASE NO. PC2023-374
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
VERIFIED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: KRYSTAL CORNELIUS, CODY CORNELIUS, NICHOLE HOLMES, AMY KILGORE, STEPHANIE KILGORE, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, DECEASED.

Verified Petition for Probate of Will filed by David Christopher Cornelius, Petitioner, through Attorney David Lee Jones. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled for the **27th day of February, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
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Done this the 3rd day of January, 2025.

Tammy Brown
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Petitioner's Attorney:
David Lee Jones (JON038)
Law Office of David Lee Jones, LLC
PO Box 940
Guntersville, AL 35976

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 11-13

Patricia Jane Roberts, 80
Funeral service for Patricia Jane Roberts, age 80, of Cullman, is Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, with Pastor D.A. Slinkard officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from noon-2 p.m. and interment will be at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Roberts was born on Aug. 29, 1944, to Winford Paul Hale and Melba Jean Stricklin. She was preceded in death by her parents; sons, James Alan Roberts, and Kevin Ollie Roberts. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, James Doyal Roberts; one son, Greg Roberts; two grandchildren, Joshua and Amanda. Family remembers Patricia as a devoted wife, a loving mother, an obedient and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. She served twenty-seven years faithfully alongside her husband on the mission fields leading them from the U.S. to Guatemala, Mexico, Costa Rica, then planting two churches in Guatemala. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Kanella Kelly Cook, 79
Kanella Kelly Cook, beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully at her home in Cullman, Alabama on Jan. 7, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was 79 years old. Born on May 30, 1945, in Alpine, Texas, as Carol Joyce Kelly and, following the tragic loss of her mother, Josephine, was adopted into the loving Tate family as Carol Kelly Tate. Kanella discovered her passion for singing early in life and went on to become a highly regarded singer in Hollywood, California, where she changed her name to Kanella Kelly. In 1990, she met and married John Melvin Cook, and ended her singing career to be with him in Summerdale, Alabama, where they lived together until his passing in 2016. She became an active member of the First Baptist Church, helping with the singing program and filling the volunteer role of secretary. She gave her time and talents to her church and loved serving her Lord and savior until she was no longer physically able to attend in person. In 2022 Kanella moved to Cullman, Alabama to be closer to her family and to live in an apartment that was better suited for her challenging physical needs. Although Kanella was burdened with multiple physical conditions, she faced her challenges with joy and enthusiasm. She became a beloved member of her community, receiving visits almost daily from her loving neighbors and friends. Kanella is survived by her children Steven (Diane), and Cynthia (Donald); her three grandchildren Robert, Joseph, and Joshua; her great-grandchildren Brooke and Jacob and her sweet kitty LuLu (Lucky Lucy). She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John, and her grandson Nathan. A celebration of Kanella's life will be announced as soon as arrangements can be made. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Cullman County Animal Shelter. Kanella's quick wit, wisdom, and energetic spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

John Parker, 52
Funeral services for John Parker of Hanceville will be 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Valley Springs Cemetery. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Sunday at Hanceville Funeral Home from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mr. Parker was born on Nov. 8,1972, to the late almond and Lillie Mae Parker. He passed away at the age of 52 on Jan. 5, 2025, at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. Survivors include his sons, Timothy Hazel Alexander Parker and John Fredric Parker; grandchildren, Crimson Lillymae Parker, Jordan Luke Parker and Kasen James Parker; and sisters, Betty (Steve) Davis, Barbara (Steve) Maynard, Shirley (Kevin) Crosby, Judy Peden and Jeannette Davis. In addition to his parents, Mr. Parker was preceded in death by his brothers, Billy Parker and Keith Glassco; and sisters, Genny Parker and Diane Swann. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Parker Family.

Betty Marie Warren, 85
Betty Marie Warren, age 85, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025. Betty is preceded in death by her parents Fred and Lee Clay, brother Odean Warren, son Jimmy Hicks, grandson Timmy Hicks. Survived by sister Diane (Terry) Bentley son Timmy (Melissa) Comer, daughter-in-law Janet Pilcher, Granddaughters Christy Braswell, Rachel Higgins, Heather (Judd)Foust, Erin (Dustin)Blair, Grandsons Justin Wood, Hunter Comer, Great-daughters Kaydence, Kylie Braswell, Hartlynn Foust, Kaysen Wood, Vada Blair, great grandsons Tameron Higgins, Miles Wood, Matthew Foust, and Sawyer Blair.

Doris Lee Keathley, 92
Mrs. Doris Lee Keathley, age 92, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025. Doris is preceded in death by her parents, Noble Lee and Elise Wallace Lee, Sisters, Katherine Hasting and Blondina Steelman Doris is survived by her daughter, Vickie (Jim) Cheatham, son, Keith Campbell, Sisters, Vicki Adams and Cheryl Young, Brothers, Wayne (Linda) Lee and Max Lee, Grandchildren, Chase (Lauren) Cheatham, Winter (Brad) Horball and Sunshine Wynn, Great grandchildren, Houston Smith, Hayden Wynn and Lillie Horball. A visitation for Doris will be held Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St John's Evangelical Protestant Church, 512 Second Avenue SE, Cullman, AL, 35055, until the funeral service at 11 a.m. Interment to follow at Cullman City Cemetery.

Charles Paul Freeman, 76
Graveside Service for Charles Paul Freeman, age 76 of Athens, will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, at Mount Hope Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Freeman passed away on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, at Athens Limestone Hospital. He was born Dec. 16, 1948, to Herman B. Freeman and Elvie O. Freeman. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Derrell Freeman Survivors include his daughters, Lisa O'Hara (George Fetter), Brandi (Nathan) Marsh, Melody (Matthew) Evans; sons, Charles Paul (Tara) Freeman, Jr., Joseph Freeman, Cody (Hannah) Freeman, daughter, Melissa Comer; son, Adam (Christi) Engler; grandchildren, Brandon, Logan, Austin, Sofia, Amelia, Gabriel, Skye, River, Miriah, Brentley, Chase, Savannah, Gauge, Riley, Hunter, Kayly and Kace; brothers, Terry (Vickie) Freeman and Anthony (Traci) Freeman; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

William O'Neal Hogeland, 89
Funeral services for William O'Neal Hogeland, 89, of Bremen, Alabama will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Cullman City Cemetery. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Monday, Jan. 13, at Hanceville Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mr. Hogeland, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, entered eternal rest surrounded by his family on Jan. 11, 2025, at his residence in Bremen, Alabama. He was born on May 29, 1935, to the late Hermon and Ethel McClendon-Hogland in Arkadelphia, Alabama. His faith, steadfast devotion to his Lord, and love for his family will forever be cherished by those who knew him. William was a lifelong servant of his faith, dedicating many years as a deacon at Bremen Baptist Church. He was a pillar of his congregation, always willing to lend a hand, share a kind word, and lead with humility. As a proud member of the Masons, he upheld their values of integrity, charity, and community, leaving a lasting impact on everyone he met. A hardworking man, William spent much of his career in the livestock industry, where he earned the respect of his peers for his dedication and knowledge. Whether in the field or at home, he demonstrated the virtues of honesty, hard work, and kindness. Above all, William loved his family deeply and unconditionally. He leaves behind a legacy of love and faith that will live on in their hearts. Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Ellen Graves-Hogeland; sons, Dennis & Susan Tolbert-Hogeland, Jerry and Teresa Anderton-Hogeland, Terry and Pat Fromhold-Hogeland, and Jeff & Ginger Waldrep-Hogeland; 10 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; brother, Steve & Laurita Clemons-Hogland; brother-in-law, Richard Fendley; and a host of many nieces and nephews who will miss his wisdom and presence. In addition to his parents, Mr. Hogeland was preceded in death by his sisters, Mickie Fendley and Shirley & Gene Lamar.

JoAnn Geraldine Beckman, 69
Graveside Service for Joann Geraldine Beckman, age 69, will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at Enon Baptist Cemetery with Heath Riggs officiating; burial at Enon Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Miss Beckman passed away on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at her residence. She was born June 4, 1955, to William J. Hogan and Joan Geraldine Hogan. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Judith Hague. Survivors include her sons, George C Beckman, Jr. and Timothy (Angelique) R. Beckman; grandson, Ryan C Beckman, brothers, Robert Hague and William Hague, George Hague; nephew, George Hague, Jr.; cousin, Pat Hamilton; nephew, Kevin Soss and a Host of family and friends. She was a loving mother, grandmother and sister.

Teresa Carolyn Farris-Dacar, 73
Funeral Mass for Teresa Carolyn Farris- Dacar, age 73 of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, at Christ the King Abbey with Father Jose Viola officiating; burial at Christ the King Abbey. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Farris-Dacar passed away on Friday, Jan. 10, 2025, at her residence. She was born Feb. 12, 1951, to Hugh A Farris, Sr. and Carolyn Farris. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Thomas Dacar and friend, Gregoria Cesearo.

John Aubrey Bates, 82
Funeral service for John Aubrey Bates is Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, at noon at Mt. Hope Baptist Church in Crane Hill. Visitation will be held at the church from 10 a.m. until noon and interment will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. John Aubrey Bates passed peacefully at his residence on Jan. 13, 2025. Aubrey was born in Cullman, Alabama on Sept.5, 1942 to John and Ila Bates. Aubrey married Ruth Bates on March 14, 1964. They were married for sixty years and had two children, Teresa Bates Mauldin and Terry Bates. He had four granddaughters, Katie Parker, Anna Mauldin, and Sarah Graves, and Teryn Bates. He had one great granddaughter, Ava Jane Parker. Aubrey had two brothers, Kenneth Bates and the late Ellis Bates. Aubrey was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend. He worked very hard to provide for his family and would help anyone he saw in need. He loved the Lord and devoted his life to serving and living for Him. He was faithful to study the Bible and you would often see his Bible and Sunday School book opened on the kitchen table where he enjoyed reading and studying lessons. He was a dedicated member of Mt. Hope Baptist Church and served as a deacon. Most of his career was spent working at Cook's Pest Control. He started in 1972 and made many friends and had many stories to share during his thirty-five years of employment. He enjoyed being with his family and spending time with them. Aubrey loved listening to his granddaughters play and sing bluegrass gospel music. A good fiddling tune made his heart happy! He enjoyed plowing, working, and gathering a harvest from his garden. Aubrey was a selfless, humble, kindhearted man and was a blessing to so many. Aubrey will be missed by his family and friends, but he is rejoicing and singing in Heaven with his loved ones who have gone on before him. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Bates; daughter, Teresa (Tom) Mauldin; son Terry Bates; granddaughters Katie Parker (Caleb), Anna Mauldin, Sarah Graves (William), and Teryn Bates; great granddaughter, Ava Jane Parker; brother, Kenneth (Joyce) Bates; sister in law, Ruby (Horace) Overton; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ila Bates; and his brother, Ellis Bates. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Banner Church or Gideon International. Both organizations proudly serve our Lord. Here are the links for these groups: (https://www.bannerchurchjax.com/give/) (https://www.gideons.org/) Direct addresses for these organizations can be given to you upon request. Obituary lovingly written by Mr. Bates's family. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Iva Mae Reid, 95
Iva Mae, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Passed away Jan. 9, 2025. She was a woman of faith and service for the Lord and her church. She had been a member of Sardis Baptist Church since she was a young girl. Her career was her family, but she loved serving her church. She loved children and spent years working in bible school as a teacher and principle. She was the WMU leader for a lot of years and believed in missions. She also taught a Sunday school class from young people all the way to teaching ladies her age until just a few years ago. She would do anything to help people, so she spent all her life serving because that was just the way she was, and it made her happy. She was a very hard worker and loved flowers and having a garden. She spent a lot of time in her yard and flowers beds. She was a charter member of the Iris and Day Lily Society and won many ribbons for her flowers. Iva Mae is preceded in death by her Husband, Conrad (Buddy) Reid, parents, Monroe and Etta Lee Needham, brothers, J.C. Needham and Nommer Needham. Iva Mae is survived by her son, Ronald (Mary) Reid; daughter, Sheila (Bill) Shumaker, grandchildren; Wesley Shumaker, Chase (Heather) Shumaker, Meghan (Andrew) Baker and Heath (Heather) Reid, great grandchildren; Barrett Shumaker, Nori Shumaker, River Baker, Micah Baker, Dani Baker, Kennedy Reid, and Adaline Reid and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to be made to Gideons Bibles in memory of Iva Mae Reid "GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL P.O. BOX 583 CULLMAN, AL 35056" or Sardis Baptist Church. A Lie-In-State for Iva Mae will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, from 11 a.m. to noon at Sardis Baptist Church 6645 County Road 813, Cullman, AL 35057, until the funeral service at noon, officiated by Dewayne Lasseter and Jonathan Reid. Interment to follow at Sardis Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

James Alton Calvert, 97
James Alton Calvert of Good Hope, Alabama passed from this earth and entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Jan. 10, 2025. James died peacefully at home surrounded by love from his family and friends. James was born in Cullman to Edgar and Dora Calvert on Sept. 27, 1927. James attended Good Hope Elementary /Junior High School and graduated from Cullman High School, where he was an outstanding athlete and class officer for the class of 1946. Shortly after graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army. James completed basic training and then attended surveyor school where he earned his surveying certification. His unit surveyed for the construction of new strategic air force bases in Greenland, New Mexico, Arizona, Washington and Florida. After military service, James returned to Cullman County and his father's farm. When his first cotton crop failed to meet his projected income expectations, he decided to enter St. Bernard College and pursued a degree in civil engineering. At Bernard, he played basketball and also played 3rd base for the Cullman Red Sox, an independent semi-pro baseball team which were contributing factors for his induction into the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. James continued his education at Auburn University before becoming employed by Goodwyn Engineering. While working in Troy, Alabama he met the love of his life, a beautiful young nurse named Mildred Ferguson. They were soon married and together raised 6 children. He and Mildred were married for over 50 years before Mildred passed away in February 2011. In 1965 James moved his family from Birmingham back home to Cullman County where he purchased a farm next to his parents' farm in the community of Good Hope. This is where he lived for the rest of his life. James began farming primarily strawberries and sweet potatoes while still working full time with Byrd Engineering of Birmingham. Shortly after settling back into Good Hope, James rekindled his boyhood interest in fox hunting. He bought some foxhounds and for the next 30 years or so ran the hounds every Friday night with his huntin' buddies. In the early 70's, the Cullman County Commission offered Mr. Calvert the new position of Cullman County Water Superintendent. Over the next 20 years, James worked tirelessly to bring city water to every home and farm in Cullman County. When he retired in 1993, Cullman County Water System was the largest rural water system in Alabama. James Calvert served on the Good Hope Town Council for 3 terms in the late 1970s and 1980s. A man of deep integrity, he served the citizens of Good Hope with honor in a responsible and honest manner. James was an avid sports fan and enjoyed going to watch his kids, grandkids, and great-grandchildren play various sports. He also loved to watch sports on television, especially Atlanta Braves baseball. Golf was another hobby he enjoyed with his family and friends, and he shot an amazing score of 88 in his early 90s. James was known throughout the community as a competitive and accomplished Rook player. He played every Wednesday morning at the town hall and any time the family gathered together. Some of his other favorite pastimes were playing domino games after church on Sunday evenings and putting together puzzles. James Calvert was many things to many people but was known most of all as a man of Godly character who consistently served his Lord by teaching, mentoring, and caring for others. He served many years as a deacon at Good Hope Baptist Church and taught Sunday School for decades. James loved singing old hymns, sang in the choir for many years, and at times led the congregational singing. He helped facilitate capital improvement projects at church and served on the cemetery committee. James and Mildred would often minister to shut-ins in the church community. They would bring food, attend to personal needs or just sit on the porch and talk. James Calvert brought the love of Christ to many people across the generations. He will be missed by his family and friends, his church and his community, but it is comforting to know that Christ welcomed him with open arms as he entered into heaven. James was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Ferguson Calvert, his parents, Edgar and Dora Calvert, one brother Allen Calvert, and his son-in-law Johnny Harris. Survivors include six children; Jackie (Bobby) Patterson; Jimmy (Judy) Calvert; William (Sherry) Calvert; Laura Harris; Linda (Gary) Johnson; Donna (Patrick) Thomason; thirteen grandchildren: Bobby Ray Patterson, Daniel Patterson, Janie Cordova, Matt Mosley, Megan Zahorscak, Christa Spratling, Stephen Calvert, Anna McSwain, Derek Harris, Ashlie Stewart, Mason Johnson, Jenna Record, Cooper Thomason; seventeen great-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers; Ted (Shirley) Calvert; Edwin (Frieda) Calvert; and a sister Doris Hinkle. James leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and too many dear friends to name. Pallbearers will be Bobby Ray Patterson, Daniel Patterson, Stephen Calvert, Derek Harris, Mason Johnson, Cooper Thomason, and Matt Mosley. The family will receive friends at Moss Service Funeral Home of Cullman on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Good Hope Baptist Church on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, at 1 p.m. with the Reverend Perry Knight and Reverend Jimmy Sawyer officiating. Interment will follow in the adjoining cemetery. James will lie-in-state at the church for two (2) hours prior to the service. The family requests in lieu-of-flowers, donations be made to Good Hope Baptist Music Funds, St. Jude Children's Hospital or The Gideons International. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Elizabeth Sharon Hughes, 78
Elizabeth Sharon Hughes, a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away on Jan. 7, 2025, in the Cardiovascular Surgery Unit of UAB hospital. She was born on Aug. 24, 1946, in San Bernardino, California. Sharon was the heart of our family and will be missed profoundly. She is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 58 years, Alfred Hughes, their two children, Robert (Adriana) Hughes, and Jennifer (Barry) Tillman, and four grandchildren, Kayla (Brandon) Lester, Noah (Hannah) Tillman, Mikaela Hughes and Benjamin Hughes, and great-granddaughter, Natalie Jo Elizabeth Tillman. She is preceded in death by her parents, Emma (Vaughn) and William Hicks, sister, Joann Hammond, and brother, Joe Hicks. A private family service will be held at Cullman City Cemetery on Friday, Jan. 17, 2025. Obituary lovingly written by family. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Kyle O'Neal Mitchell, 33
Kyle O'Neal Mitchell, age 33, of Cullman, passed away Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at Grandview Hospital. Kyle was born on May 17, 1991, to Mitzi Marrs and Keith Mitchell. Kyle is survived by his Mother, Mitzi Marrs; Father, Keith Mitchell; Son, Kaden Mitchell; Brother, Chris (Danielle, Brayden) Briscoe; Sister, Ashley (Eric) Woodall; Nieces, Payton and Makenna Briscoe; Cousins, Kahley and Keaton Kahler; Grandmother Colleen (Quinn) Jackson; Aunt Kim (Kris) Kahler Kyle served his country through the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne Division as a Paratrooper. He could never stay in one place too long as he enjoyed exploring new places and experiences. He loved to spend time with family and friends, who meant the world to him. He loved to cook, play disc golf, and have seafood boils by the water. He was the kindest soul, always willing to help anyone, especially strangers in need. He had the most infectious laugh, always trying to bring a smile to everyone. We will miss you greatly until we see you again. Obituary lovingly written by Kyle's family. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

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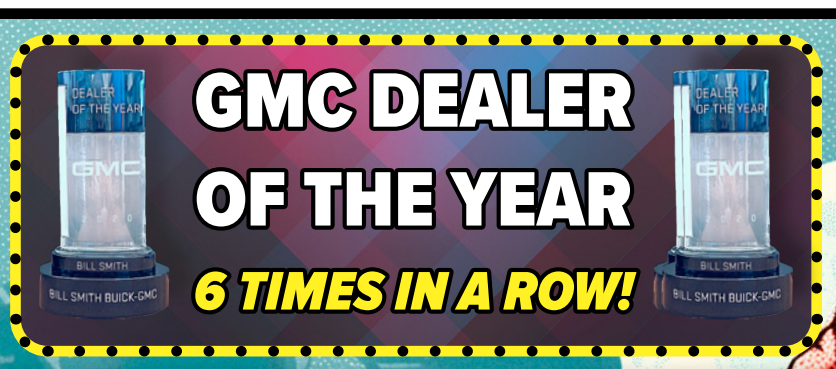


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